

opposition strong, and responsibility great yet we have no idea of lagging, much less of stopping. Our earnestness is intensified, our desires broadened, our faith in God stronger than ever. Right is right and the truth will prevail. Here are golden opportunities, for them we have been training. Through the open doors we are passing. We have touched the bier of poverty, and those thereon have been restored. We have touched the coffin of sin, and devils have carried it away empty. The electric light of God's truth is shining. What if the bugs do fly around it and dash their wings against the globe? The morning is coming and they will be no more, but the light will shine on. The red streaks of the future can already be seen in the sky of the present and in the morning we shall be "Forever with the Lord. Amen, so let it be."

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#### LOUISVILLE, O.

Church work in this part of God's moral heritage is moving along rather pleasantly. The congregations are as large as at any time on regular appointments and the Sunday-schools are doing good work. We had memorial services at Georgetown May 23 and at Middlebranch on the 30th, both services were well attended. Children's day exercises were held at Louisville Sunday evening, June 6, and on Sunday evening, June 13, we held communion services at Georgetown. We intend to start for the State Conference June 15. Thus you see we are still trying to do some work for the Lord.

I am much in favor of State and National Conferences, though it has been said that all we do is to pass resolutions and see who can make the best speech. Then we go to our respective places of abode, with the utmost complacency, anxiously awaiting another conference when we may repeat the same pleasant experience. This picture, perhaps, is a little too highly colored, yet at the same time we must reluctantly admit that it contains too much truth. It must be admitted that if the plans of work laid out by these various conferences were more closely adhered to and more highly respected by the pastors and churches, that we would in a very short time become a much greater power for good. The Brethren church has accomplished much in her short career, but we have not yet attained perfection. We are just in our infancy and have hardly begun the work. This truth, I think, will apply to us in more than one respect.

There are many things that relate to the brotherhood that continually need attention. Then we need better system and

more perfect organizations, but absolutely the greatest need of the Brethren church to-day is to put into execution the plans we already have. If our churches would work in perfect harmony, as do the wheels of a clock, then we could accomplish a much greater work, for "in union there is strength." But of what value is a clock when one-third or one-half of the wheels refuse to work? What can we accomplish as long as half of our churches refuse to comply with the decisions of the National Conference? This fact is very forcibly demonstrated in the case of Ashland college. What will it profit, my brethren, if a man say he has faith and have not works? Can faith save him? Or how much good is accomplished if one-half of the Brethren churches pay their apportionment and the other half refuse to pay? Will that save the institution?

My brethren, after we helped to perfect these plans at the conference, let us nobly stand by them when the time comes to put them into practice. May we stand by one another, work in harmony, respect the decisions of our conferences and much good will be accomplished.

J. L. KIMMEL.

#### BRIGHTON, IND.

On Saturday, May 22, four souls were buried with Christ in baptism here. Three of these confessed Christ last winter when Brother Teeter was holding a meeting here. Consecration services were held the same evening, after which the brethren and sisters surrounded the Lord's table and observed the ordinances of God's house as given us by Christ. It was soul-strengthening to be present. Services were well attended the 23rd, and a marked increase in attendance is noticeable. Our aim for the present is to sow seed and say some word which will cause all who hear to think. Thus we hope to strengthen the saints and help the sinners to see their true situation, then natural law will teach us that the harvest will follow. We pray for the harvest.

WM. H. MILLER.

#### MCVEYTOWN, PA.

Wednesday evening being prayer-meeting, but finding but few there, was not surprised when arriving at home there had gathered about forty of the good people of McVeytown. It was like a little old-fashioned camp meeting and when entering the door we saw a large table groaning beneath its load, with delicious cakes of all kinds and ice-cream. These good people presented the pastor with great quantities of flour, canned fruit, tomatoes, coffee, sugar, rice, corn-starch, dried fruit, pickles, rolled oats, apple-butter,

butter, eggs, jellies and money. Now may the Lord abundantly bless these good people for their kindness shown to their pastor. May there ever be a warm place in our hearts for them, for the pantry had gotten a little empty, but was made to overflow by the good people of McNeytown and the surrounding country.

May the communion and fellowship of the Holy Trinity ever abide with them, is the prayer of the pastor,

J. E. SHOPE.

#### PIONEER, OHIO.

Brother W. A. Welty, of Ashland, came to this place on Tuesday June first. Began meeting on Thursday evening. Preached each evening during the remainder of the week, and Sunday morning.

On Sunday afternoon two sisters were baptized. One made confession during sister Laura Grossnickle's meeting in December.

Confirmation in the evening.

Communion services on Sunday evening. Forty-three communicants.

In the death of brother A. K. Brown the church lost her only deacon.

At our last business meeting brethren Ira Martin and O. A. Kanauer were elected to that office. Just before communion services they were ordained by the laying on of hands and prayer. We had a good meeting.

Brother Welty made many friends and gave us good sermons. We greatly enjoyed them. Hope he may come again. We would gladly welcome him at any time.

HATTIE KANAUER.

#### THE BETHEL CHURCH.

Over in Adams County, Ind., is a congregation of the Brethren. This little church has had its trials and struggles and has come up through great tribulations.

We gave a report through the EVANGELIST some time ago of a protracted effort there last winter which resulted in thirty-five accessions. More came to the church later, and we are happy to say the revival spirit is at work yet.

The members are at peace among themselves, The Sabbath-school, prayer-meeting and K. C. work is going right along. Congregation growing larger and order is better and Bethel is becoming quite a place of attraction.

At our monthly service in April we went out by a river side and when prayer was made we buried six precious souls in baptism. At the regular service this month May 30, we again went out by a river side. This time we went to the town of Wilshire, a distance of about eight miles from Bethel, and baptized nine more, and still an-